

To County  
Providers of:

Case  
Management  
Services

Community  
Support  
Programs

Crisis  
Intervention  
Services

Day Treatment  
Services

Home Health  
Agency  
Services

Mental Health/  
Substance  
Abuse Services

Personal Care  
Agency  
Services

Prenatal Care  
Coordination  
Services

## The Wisconsin Medicaid Cost Reporting (WIMCR) Initiative

Effective June 3, 2004, the Department of Health and Family Services received approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement the Wisconsin Medicaid Cost Reporting (WIMCR) initiative. The WIMCR initiative is a cost-based payment system for counties certified as Medicaid providers of community-based services that will result in additional funding for Wisconsin Medicaid while remaining cost neutral for counties.

This *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* references information presented at the WIMCR training held the week of July 12-16, 2004, and addresses additional provider questions. Counties are also reminded of the September 3, 2004, deadline for submitting cost reports for services provided during calendar year 2003.

### Wisconsin Medicaid Cost Reporting

Effective June 3, 2004, the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) received approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement the Wisconsin Medicaid Cost Reporting (WIMCR) initiative. As a result of WIMCR, Wisconsin Medicaid will receive a projected \$53.2 million in additional federal funding for Wisconsin Medicaid while remaining cost neutral for counties.

### Counties Required to Submit Cost Reports

As part of WIMCR, all counties certified as Medicaid providers of community-based services will be required to submit cost reports to Wisconsin Medicaid beginning in September 2004. Cost reports are required under WIMCR for the following services that are provided and billed by county providers:

- Case management services.
- Child/adolescent day treatment.
- Community support program services.
- Home health services.
- Medical day treatment services.
- Mental health crisis intervention services.
- Outpatient mental health and substance abuse services, including evaluation, psychotherapy, and substance abuse counseling and intensive in-home mental health services for children under HealthCheck.
- Outpatient mental health and substance abuse services provided in the home and community. (The non-federal share of this service is provided by the county.)
- Personal care services.
- Prenatal care coordination services.
- Substance abuse day treatment.

If Wisconsin Medicaid was not billed by the county for any of these services, then no cost report is required.

*The deadline for submitting WIMCR cost reports for services provided during calendar year 2003 is September 3, 2004.*

The DHFS had originally proposed March for the submission deadlines of future cost reports. However, the DHFS understands the counties' concerns about completing these cost reports by March. Alternatives will be researched after the cost reporting for calendar year 2003 in September 2004 is assessed. Specific due dates for 2005 and 2006 WIMCR cost report submissions will be communicated in the future.

### **Wisconsin Medicaid Cost Reporting Web Tool**

Counties are required to submit cost reports online by using the WIMCR Web tool available at [www.wimcr.org/](http://www.wimcr.org/). Instructions for registering as a user of the WIMCR Web tool are listed on the site. After registration, the user will be directed to the WIMCR home page where the following information can be found:

- Certification of Medicaid Operating Deficit and Application for Distribution of Federal Financial Participation.
- 2003 WIMCR Cost Reports.
- The WIMCR Cost Report Instruction Manual.
- Other WIMCR reference documents.

This tool is intended to make the cost reporting process more efficient.

### **WIMCR Initiative Information**

For further information about the WIMCR initiative, refer to the county agencies service-specific section of the Medicaid Web site at [dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/). A document titled "Questions and Answers Regarding Wisconsin Medicaid Cost Reporting Including Medicaid Payments, CSDRB, CBMAC and the State/County Contracts" is listed under the references section and was presented during WIMCR training the week of July 12-16, 2004. This document provides specific details about WIMCR. Counties should note that the questions numbered 20 and above in this document have been added since the week of the training to address additional provider questions.

This document will continue to be updated to address future feedback and questions from county agencies.

County agencies may submit questions or requests for assistance to the WIMCR Coordinator by e-mail at [WIMCR@dhfs.state.wi.us](mailto:WIMCR@dhfs.state.wi.us). The WIMCR Coordinator is also available toll free at (888) 322-1006.

*The Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or visit our Web site at [dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/](http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/).

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